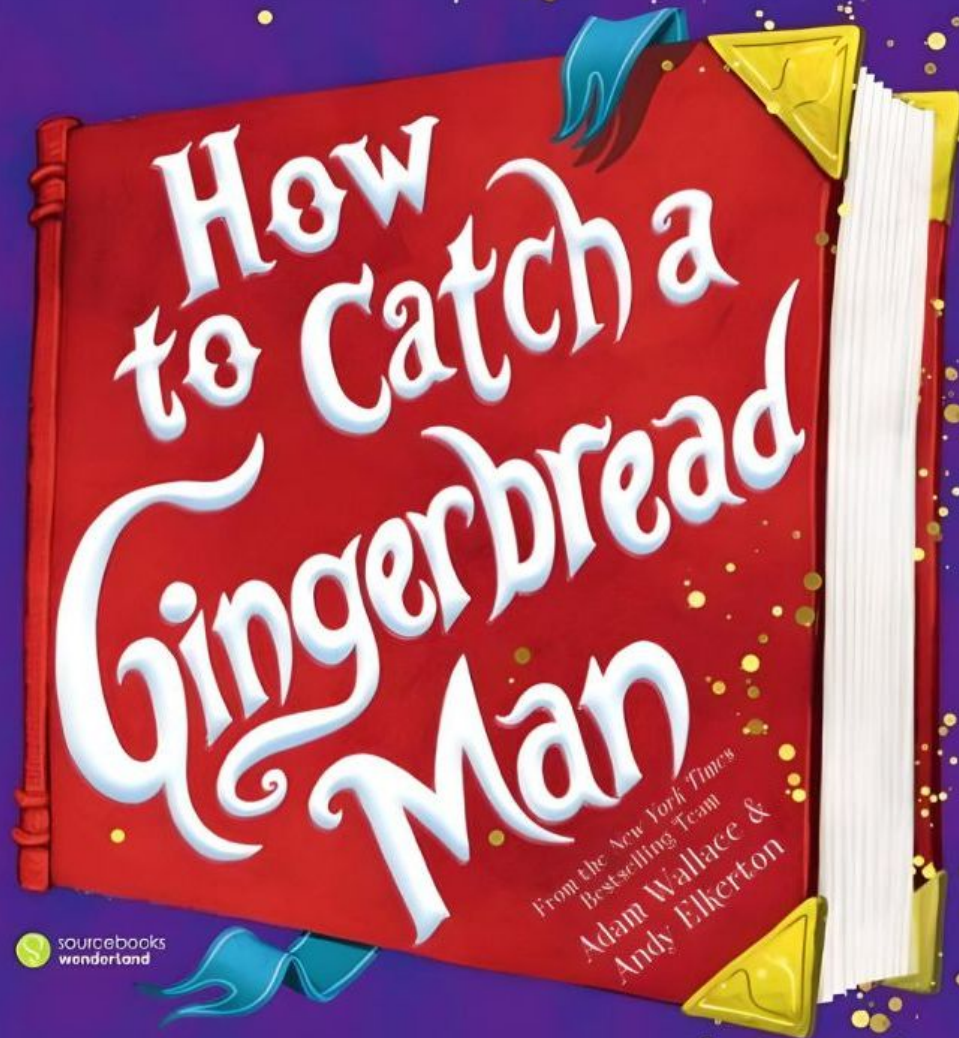


# How to Catch a Gingerbread Man

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Once upon a **story time**  
at the bookstore down the street,  
some friends come in to have some fun—  
they're in for quite a treat!





Sitting at the story rug  
with a special book in hand,  
the reading is about to begin  
about me, the *Gingerbread Man*...





"Run, run, as fast as you can,"  
the storyteller starts to read.

So out I pop, right off the page  
and break away with **speed**!





You kids will never catch me—  
I'm much too fast for you!



Especially when I have help  
from the *boy who never grew!*



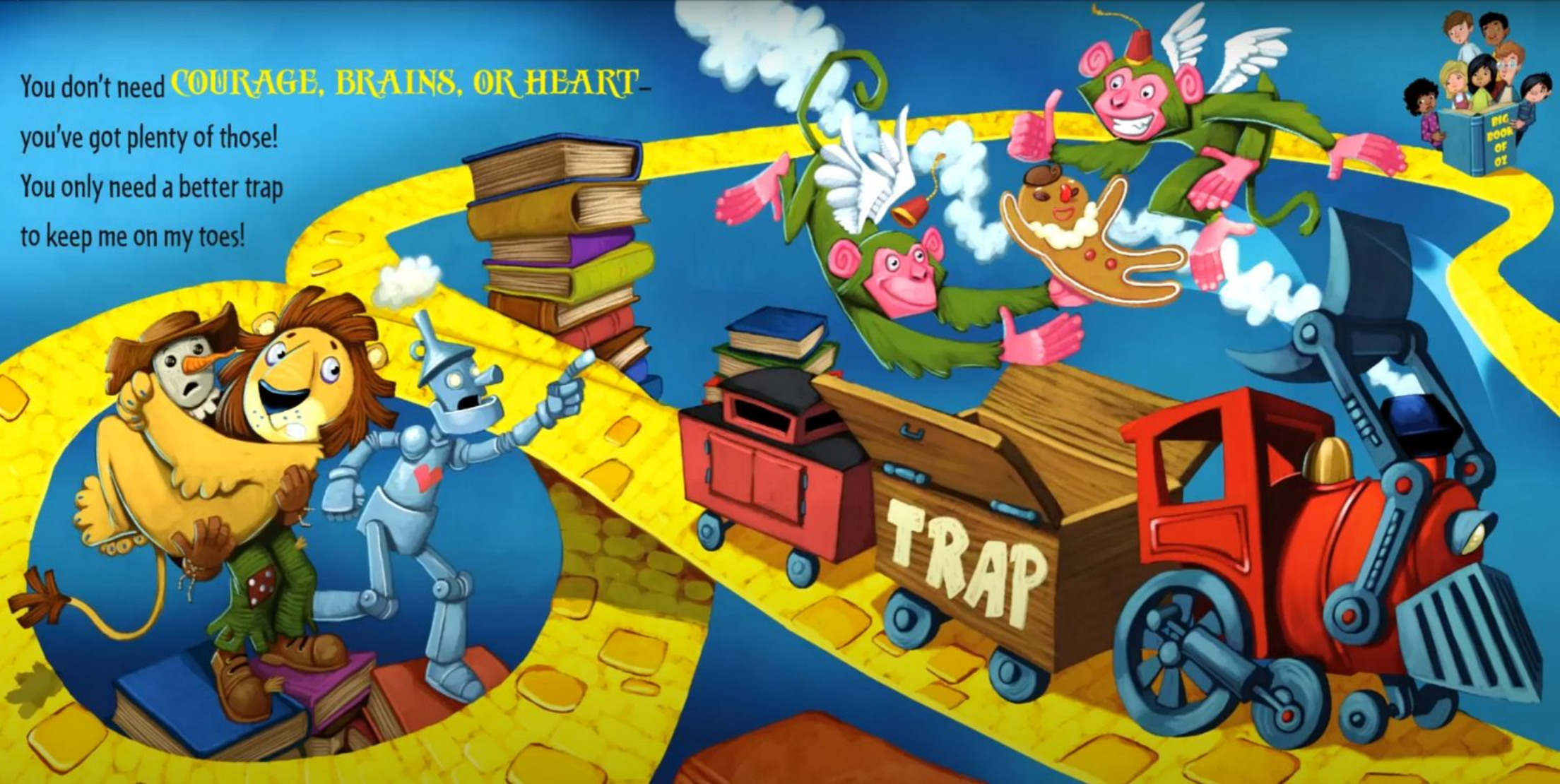
This clever trap won't do the trick—  
you need a **magic spell!**

And with a wizard on my side,  
your traps won't do so well.



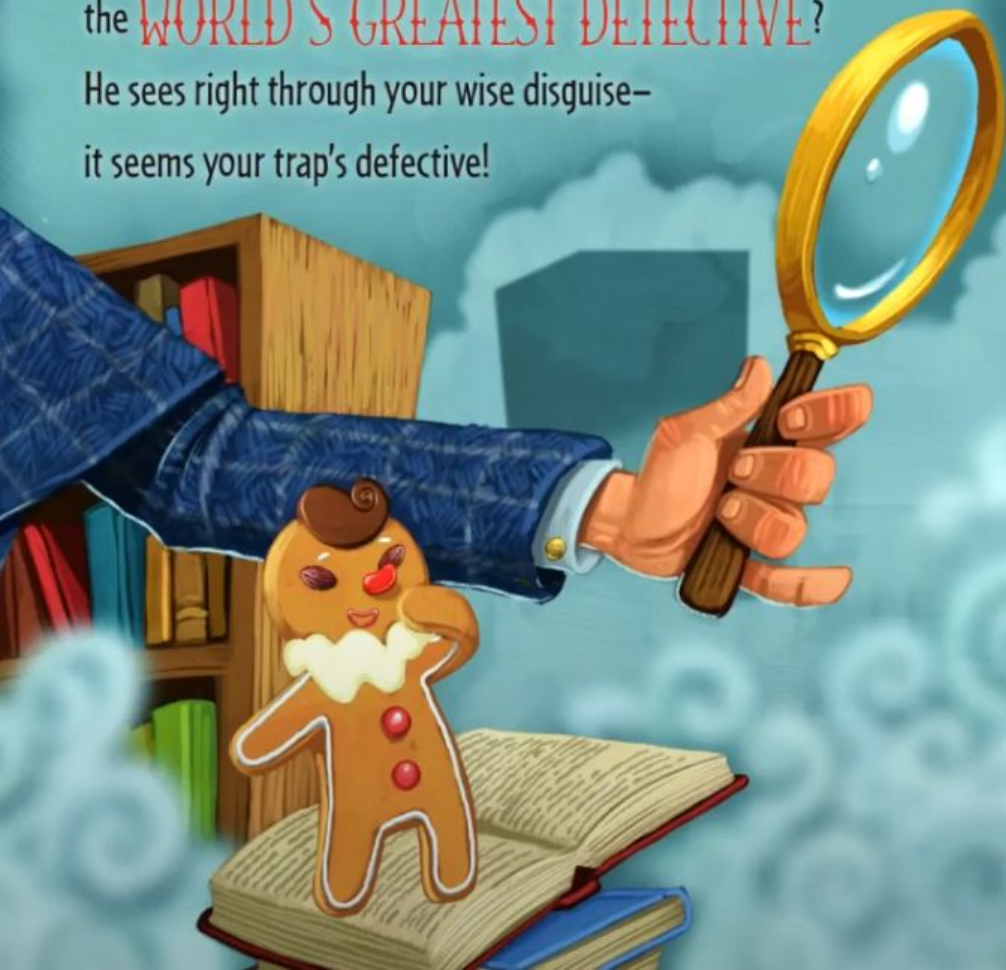


You don't need **COURAGE, BRAINS, OR HEART**—  
you've got plenty of those!  
You only need a better trap  
to keep me on my toes!





You thought this trap would really fool  
the **WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE?**  
He sees right through your wise disguise—  
it seems your trap's defective!





Now your traps are getting better,  
I admit, I am impressed.

WANG!

But **Robin Hood** just saved the day.  
I think he's just the best!





what's with this great big spring?







What a big trap you had here!  
The better to catch me with, I think.  
Too bad my friends helped me escape—  
I'm up and gone in a **blink**!



This trap you set was no big deal.  
It's broken now, but how?



Perhaps the boy with **magic beans**  
saved me with his cow...





Alice and her **mad-hat** friends,  
as a gift for my unbirthday,  
helped guide me through the walls of shelves—  
now I'm *bound* to find my way.





What a great day! I'm having fun—  
you youngsters sure are bright!  
But have you given up on me?  
There's not a **TRAP** in sight...







I've won again! And I must say,  
this trap wasn't half-bad.  
But as I take my **victory lap**,  
I notice you look sad...



I may be free, but now I want  
to see your smiles and laughter!  
So back I go to give this tale  
a **happily ever after**...







Run, run as fast as you can.  
Can *you* catch me?  
I'm the Gingerbread Man!



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When the storyteller starts to read,  
"Run, run, as fast as you can,"  
I'm off in a start, and you'll have to be smart  
to catch me, the Gingerbread Man!



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